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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR MERCHANT VESSELS- INTERNATIONAL

POLITICAL, OPERATIONAL AND LEGAL PROBLEMS: FACT-FINDING MISSION.

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1. AS DISCUSSED IN REFTTEL, DEPARTMENT AND OTHER INTERESTED USG AGENCIES CURRENTLY CONCENTRATING EFFORTS IN DETERMINING AND DETAILING TECHNICAL AND NON-TECHNICAL PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR POWERED MERCHANT SHIPPING.

2. IN REGARD TO A PROPOSED REPORT TO BE PREPARED EARLY THIS SUMMER ON THE DELINEATION AND POTENTIAL RESOLUTION OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH THE TRANSIT AND BERTHING OF NUCLEAR POWERED MERCHANT SHIPS, RICHARD K. BANK, ADVISER, OFFICER OF MARITIME AFFAIRS (EB/TT/MA), PLANS TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH APPROPRIATE EUROPEAN GOVERNMENT AND MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATION OFFICIALS DURING THE TWO-WEEK PERIOD BEGINNING JUNE 10. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT MR. BANK WILL BE JOINED IN THIS FACT-FINDING MISSION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER INTERESTED AGENCIES. POSTS ARE INVITED TO HAVE APPROPRIATE EMOFF ACCOMPANY MR. BANK AT HIS MEETINGS.

3. THE APPROXIMATE ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. JUNE 10 AND 11 - LONDON - MEETINGS WITH IMCO SECRETARIAT AND HMG OFFICIALS IN DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, IN MINISTRY OF TECHNOLOGY, AND MINISTRY OF ENERGY. EMBASSY LONDON ALSO REQUESTED TO POUCH ASAP LATEST VERSION OF UK "REPORT ON NUCLEAR SHIPS" WHICH FIRST APPEARED IN 1970.

B. JUNE 12-14 - PARIS - MEETINGS WITH OECD, NEA, AND FRENCH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. (COORDINATION REQUESTED BETWEEN US MISSION TO OECD AND EMBASSY IN ARRANGING MEETINGS WITH APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS.) USOECD MAY LINK THIS CONSULTATION TO U.S. SUGGESTION IN OECD (REF OECD 12192) THAT MTC DISCUSS SOME ASPECTS OF NUCLEAR SHIPPING PROBLEMS.

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C. JUNE 17 AND 18 - VIENNA - MEETINGS WITH APPROPRIATE IAEA OFFICIALS.

D. JUNE 18/19 AND 20 - BONN/HAMBURG - MEETINGS WITH FRG OFFICIALS IN REGARD TO THE BRUSSELS CONVENTION, THE N.S. "OTTO HAHN", AS WELL AS DISCUSSIONS CENTERED ON PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED BY OPERATORS OF THE "OTTO HAHN"

ON ITS VOYAGES.

4. DISCUSSION IN ALL BILATERAL MEETINGS WILL FOCUS ON:

A. PROBLEMS TO BE ANTICIPATED BY NUCLEAR POWERED MERCHANT VESSEL OPERATORS IN FOREIGN PORTS TO WIT: PORT SAFETY, REGULATIONS, IDEMNIFICATION AND LIABILITY, LABOR UNION REACTION, PUBLIC OPINION, EXISTING NATIONAL LEGISLATION, NATIONAL AND LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS, NATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY LEGISLATION OR REGULATIONS AS TO OWNERSHIP AND OPERATION OF SHIPBORNE REACTORS.

B. LEGISLATIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AND/OR ANTICIPATED REGARDING ITS OWN EXISTING (OR PLANNED) NUCLEAR MERCHANT VESSELS, DOMESTICALLY AND IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY (PORT CALLS AND TRANSIT).

C. ATTITUDES OF KEY OFFICIALS CONCERNING RATIFICATION OF THE 1962 BRUSSELS CONVENTION ON THE LIABILITY OF OPERATORS OF NUCLEAR SHIPS.

D. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING LEVEL RELATIONSHIPS AND CONTACTS IN THE AFOREMENTIONED PROBLEM AREAS, SO THAT THE EVENTUAL SOLUTION OF THESE PROBLEMS MIGHT MORE EASILY BE FACILITATED.

5. DISCUSSION AT THE MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS WILL CONCENTRATE ON:

A. THE PLANS EACH ORGANIZATION HAS FOR THE MONITORING OF DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE NUCLEAR MERCHANT SHIPPING ARENA IN MEMBER STATES IN REGARD TO THE SPECIFIC AREAS FOR WHICH EACH ORGANIZATION IS RESPONSIBLE. (EG: IMCO - UNCLASSIFIED

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NAVIGATION; OECD - ECONOMIC COOPERATION; IAEA - REGULATION.

B. EACH ORGANIZATION S PARTICULAR PLANS FOR MEETINGS, SEMINARS, ETC. AT WHICH THE SUBJECT OF NUCLEAR MERCHANT VESSELS OPERATION WILL ARISE. DISCUSSION OF THESE PLANS WILL INCLUDE A SURVEY OF THE INFORMATION ALREADY GATHERED BY THESE ORGANIZATIONS IN PURSUIT OF CURRENT ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS ESTABLISHING THE BASIS FOR FUTURE COOPERATION AND PARTICIPATION BY THE UNITED STATES (GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY).

C. IDENTIFICATION OF THE CURRENT POSITON EACH ORGANIZATION TAKES IN REGARD TO THE POSSIBLITY OF INTERNATIONALLY FORMULATED ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL

STANDARDS FOR NUCLEAR MERCHANT SHIPS AND FOR COORDINATED AND COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (IE, IMCO AND IAEA, OR IMCO AND ILO, ETC).

D. WORKING LEVEL RELATIONSHIPS AND CONTACTS WITH RESPECTIVE SECRETARIATS IN THE AFOREMENTIONED PROBLEM AREA SO THAT THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND SO THAT EVENTUAL SOLUTION OF MUTUAL PROBLEMS IN THIS AREA MIGHT BE MORE EASILY FACILITATED.

6. BASED ON THE ABOVE, THE ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO ARRANGE TENTATIVE APPOINTS FOR MR. BANK ON THE DATES MENTIONED ABOVE. AT THIS STAGE, HIS SCHEDULE IS SOMEWHAT FLEXIBLE SO THAT ALTERATION OF TIME AND DATES TO ACCOMODATE HOST REPRESENTATIVES IS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, DUE TO THE RELATIVELY SHORT TIME FRAME UNTIL THE PROPOSED DEPARTURE DATE, ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO RESPOND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. BROWN

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